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In re Patent Application of ) **BOX AF**  
Olivier LEGENDRE et al. )  
Application No.: 08/501,872 ) Group Art Unit: 1106  
Filed: July 13, 1995 ) Examiner: I. Bullock  
For: CATALYTIC TREATMENT OF )  
GASEOUS EFFLUENTS )  
CONTAINING VARYING AMOUNTS )  
OF SULFUR COMPOUNDS )

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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.111, 1.115 AND 1.119**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action dated December 19, 1996, the period for response having been extended until June 19, 1997 by a Petition for Three Month Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An activated alumina catalyst comprising a cocatalytically effective amount of sodium values, said effective amount, expressed by weight of Na<sub>2</sub>O, ranging from 1,200 ppm to [2,700] 2,500 ppm.